

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3837 - HB 3846**

February 22, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Reduces from 30 to 15 days the amount of time a TennCare enrollee or applicant for uninsured or uninsurable coverage must mail documentation of any information change. Requires the Commissioner of Health to consult with the Bureau of TennCare prior to requesting early completion of the Joint Annual Report. Prohibits an insurance carrier from delivering information that directly identifies a patient who is subject of the information and that relates to the physical or mental health of the patient, unless the patient has authorized the release. Prohibits the court from committing a defendant to a licensed public hospital or treatment resource facility without notifying an appropriate state facility.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

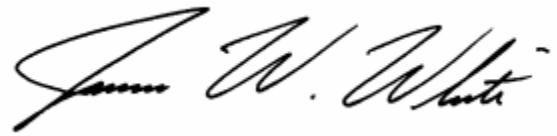
Assumptions:

- Requiring enrollees and applicants to provide information in a shorter period of time will not have a significant impact on the current procedures of the Bureau of TennCare. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Department of Health currently has to consult with the Tennessee Hospital Association prior to requesting early completion of the Joint Annual Report of hospital statistics. Consulting with the Bureau of TennCare will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur any significant increase in expenditures to guarantee insurance carriers comply with the additional requirement.

- There will not be a significant increase in expenditures for the court to provide notification to a state facility when committing a defendant to a non-state operated facility.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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